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California Correctional Institution State Prison, Unit IV-B, 5 Bldg, C-Sec., #203  
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Dear Corkey:

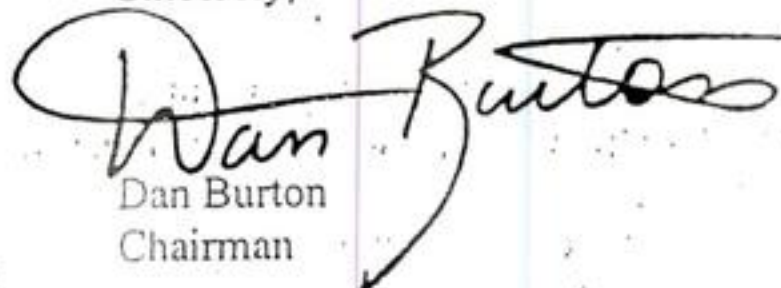
Thank you for your letter concerning the new revelations about the Waco matter. As you may know, despite previous denials by the Justice Department, pyrotechnic tear gas was used during the 1993 standoff at the Branch Davidian compound. For six years the Justice Department has denied using such devices and I am concerned by these inconsistencies.

I intend to conduct a full investigation and hold hearings in the near future. My staff is conducting numerous interviews of witnesses, and is reviewing thousands of documents regarding the Waco matter. Only a comprehensive, thorough investigation will ensure that all of the evidence is uncovered so that the American people can have the truth.

I hope that the Justice Department will cooperate completely with this Committee's investigation. I can assure you that I will not stand for the Justice Department withholding any evidence from Congress for any reason.

Again, I thank you for contacting me about this very important matter and I assure you that the Committee will work tirelessly until we have the truth.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Burton  
Chairman

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Dear Mr. Ogle:

On September 9, 1999 Senator John C. Danforth was appointed to the Office of Special Counsel to investigate government conduct related to certain events occurring in Waco, Texas. The Office of Special Counsel is authorized to investigate the following matters concerning the events occurring at the Mt. Carmel compound at Waco, Texas on April 19, 1993:

- (1) Whether any government employee or agent made false or misleading statements, allowed others make false or misleading statements, or withheld evidence or information from any individual or entity properly entitled to obtain evidence or information;
- (2) Whether any government employee or agent destroyed, altered, or suppressed evidence or information;
- (3) Whether any government employee or agent used any incendiary or pyrotechnic device;
- (4) Whether any government employee or agent started, or contributed to the spread of the fire;
- (5) Whether any government employee or agent engaged in gunfire;
- (6) Whether there was any illegal use of the Armed Forces of the United States in connection with the events leading up to the deaths occurring at the Mt. Carmel compound.

If the Special Counsel believes it is necessary and appropriate, he is authorized to prosecute federal crimes arising from his investigation of these matters and federal crimes committed with the intent to interfere with the Special Counsel's investigation; such as perjury, obstruction of justice, destruction of evidence, or intimidation of witnesses.

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Dear Mr. Ogle:

With our investigation now fully underway we are better able to assess the information you have provided. Your information has been fully evaluated and become part of our official record. If the Office of Special Counsel requires further information we will contact you directly.

The Office of Special Counsel is working diligently to be able to produce to the American public a full accounting of the events surrounding Waco.

Thank you for your interest in this most important matter.



Bob Stewart  
Investigator  
Office of Special Counsel